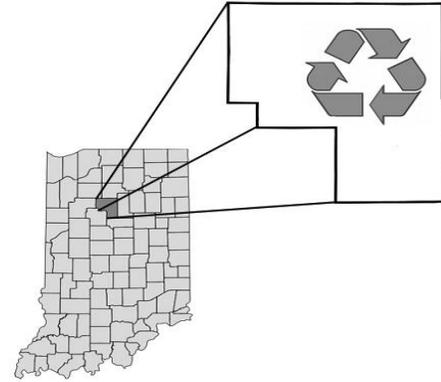


Cass County SWMD: Plastic Bag Contest May 5, 2014

The numbers have been totaled following the annual Earth Day Plastic Bag contest for the area elementary schools, sponsored by the Cass County Solid Waste Management District.



“We were overwhelmed with the response,” Bob Ehle Jr., the Director of the CCSWMD said. “This contest took place over a two week period, and a number of the schools decided to only use a week of that, because of the volume they were receiving.”

Overall, 2,475 pounds of these small, plastic bags were collected for recycling, an increase of well over 700 pounds, compared with last year. The contest was structured so that there would be a winning grade level in each building. The grade in each building with the most bags, by weight, received recognition on a plaque, provided by the Solid Waste District. Each winning grade also received an additional recess from the school.

The winning grades from each elementary school were:

All Saints - 6th
Caston - 4th
Columbia - 3rd
Fairview - 3rd
Franklin - Kindergarten
Galveston - 5th
Landis - Kindergarten
Pioneer - 1st
Thompson - 3rd



“This helps teach the students a number of lessons,” Ehle said, “including how by working together and doing something as simple as collecting these bags for recycling, we can help keep a significant volume of material out of the landfill.”

Director Ehle extends a big thanks to all of the schools that participated in the contest, and also to Greener Solutions in Logansport for helping to weigh and recycle the bags.

The plans are to conduct this contest again next year, and there are already rumors out there about students, and parents, beginning to save bags for it.